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Local Communications

ADELAIDE

SWISS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

77 Payneham Road,
St. Peters 5069 S.A.

We held our Annual General Meeting in September, and on 1st Nov. we enjoyed a well attended and successful picnic at Morialta Reserve.

Harry Habermacher Cup for Jass enthusiasts: will be held one evening between Christmas and the New Year. Enquiries please phone 42 5418.

Every first Tuesday of the month we meet at Restaurant Edelweiss, 468 Portrush Road, Linden Park.

We would like to extend our sincere wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to the Swiss everywhere!

Hedy Muirhead

MELBOURNE

SWISS CLUB OF VICTORIA

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Vic. 3001.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Committee at its recent meeting decided that the Club will be open for business for lunch and dinner on Tuesday, the 22nd and Wednesday, the 23rd December and will re-open on Wednesday, the 20th January, 1982 for lunch and dinner.

We would like to see as many as possible of our members prior to Christmas and wish them all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

THE JODELKLUK EDELWYSS

The Jodlers, by their normal standards, have had a relatively quiet year in 1981. Much of this has been due to the fact that it has been a year of transition rather than of expansion.

The group has been fortunate in recruiting several young Swiss, particularly in the tenor sections which needed some buttressing due to the loss of some singers. Because of this influx, it was necessary to consolidate, as much had to be learned by the new members. As the group is conscious, and indeed proud of its standard of performance, it tended to

concentrate on polishing and refining at rehearsals rather than accepting invitations to perform.

This is not to say that the group was entirely dormant. It performed at those functions organized by the Swiss Club at which its participation has become traditional. It also took part in the Festival of All Nations, some other ethnic festivals and several functions organized by private groups. The highlight of the year probably was its performance on the Don Lane Show on Channel 9 in June.

The group wishes to record its pleasure at the success of the Sydney Jodlers and Alphorngruppe at the Eidgenoessisches Jodelfest held in Burgdorf, Switzerland, in July. Our members were originally invited to join the Sydney group but, due to several difficulties which could not be overcome, decided in the final analysis to decline the invitation.

It is with regret that the group announces the retirement of Otto Nechwatal as its teacher. Otto has been a tower of strength over the past two years. He is a fine singer and musician and has been responsible for maintaining the quality of singing, particularly in the area of voice production. The group publicly acknowledges its gratitude to Otto and wishes to thank him for his dedication and commitment which were outstanding.

The result of this is that the group is now searching for a suitable teacher. Any person interested in this post, or knowing of someone interested, should therefore contact the group without delay. Also, the group is always keen to recruit new members. Anyone with the requisite quality of voice and the ability to sing in Schwyzerduetsch, would be most welcome.

In summary, it is relevant to say that the group is in a state of flux. Nonetheless, keeping in mind its tenacity and willingness in the past to continue no matter what the obstacles, it is confident that it can carry on its proud tradition in the foreseeable future.

GERANT: MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

Members of the Swiss Club of Victoria will be aware that much has been said about this topic over the last two years. Indeed the Committee considered it of such importance that it appointed a Sub-

Committee with the special brief to consider and study all relevant aspects.

It is fair to say that there has been much "to and fro-ing" during the period of the study. It should however be remembered that the problems were complex and the decisions accordingly difficult.

After due consideration, the Sub-Committee decided to maintain the status quo, i.e. to retain the policy of employing a manager. The reasons were that, in appointing a gerant:

1. there would be a distinct possibility that the Committee would lose a considerable amount of control in the management and administration of the Club's affairs;
2. there may be a danger that the Club would lose its identity; and
3. a rise in prices for meals in the restaurant would inevitably result as the gerant would be entitled to a reasonable profit.

It therefore recommended in these terms to the full Committee, which resolved at its meeting of 28 October to accept these recommendations. Further, the Committee offered Toni Erb a continuance of his employment as manager for 1982. Toni accepted this offer and will therefore be with us again in 1982.

THE MATTERHORN SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

At the annual General Meeting of the Matterhorn Society, held on 24th September the following committee was elected: President, R.G. Schmuki; Secretary, E. Weinmann; Treasurer, L. Blochlinger; Sitting members, H. Sutter; A. Knecht.

An der Hauptversammlung des Schwing Club Melbourne, die am 6. August abgehalten wurde, wurden folgende Mitglieder in den Vorstand gewählt: Praesident: R.G. Schmuki; Aktuar: H. Sutter; Kassier: L. Blochlinger; Beisitzer: Ch. Hostettler, H. Meyer.

'REPLAY'

The two main wheels of the Matterhorn Society wagon, namely the Yodel Choir and the Schwing Club have never ceased turning during the past busy club year. A Schwingfest, a Hallen-Schwinget, the Annual Folklore Night, many Jass-Meisterschaften and other functions went across the stage.

This year's highlight however was the 1 August Celebration held at Gembrook. The united high attendance at this family day for all Swiss patriots in Victoria clearly demands a yearly repeat of this National Day event. A very meaningful gesture was the performance of the children of the Schweizerschule Melbourne who were the 'Lead singers' for the National Hymne. Mr. Fred Mertz, Consul, addressed the many patriots present and didn't hide his satisfaction over the big club-combined turn-out which represented the real spirit of the 1 August.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend to all our supporters our sincere wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Committees

SWISS FOLK DANCE GROUP "ALPENROSE"

The group completed a very successful participation at the first Australian Multi-Cultural Folk Dance Competition, which was held in Canberra in October this year.

The competition, although friendly, was extremely fierce as over 70 groups from all over Australia took part. While the group was not among the winners, the judges were impressed with the performance of the group.

It is pleasing to report that the function was a huge success, attested to by the fact that it will again be held next year. The members of the "Alpenrose" intend to participate again. They are hoping that, with the experience gained and with the inclusion of Alphorns to provide variety, they may bring home one of the coveted winners' prizes.

NOTICE TO THE CLUBS

Please send your articles for the "Swiss Review" 1/1982 as well as any enquiries regarding publicity, before 15th February, 1982, to: Consulate General of Switzerland 425 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, Vic. 3004.

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LADIES' LUNCHEONS

In 1981 the Ladies' Luncheons have all been very successful with an average participation of 45 ladies.

The next year's program is as follows:

3rd March 1982	Guest speaker from "Australian Dairy Corporation"
5th May	"Fashion Parade"
14th July	Film on Switzerland
15th September	Subject to be
24th November	Announced at a later date

In March 1981 Mrs. Lesley Lillicrap taught a group of enthusiasts the first steps in pottery. This well attended one day course was followed by the glazing of the "works of art" some weeks later.



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Encouraged by this success we are organising a second pottery course which will take place on March 6th, 1982. On March 20th the course will be completed with the glazing of the works.

For further information please contact the Consulate General of Switzerland (Ph: 267-2266) not later than 25th February, 1982.

Hoping to see you again in 1982, I wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours Christine Zellweger

"THE YOUNG SWISS"

Hello again,

The time since our last newsletter seems to have gone very quickly, and the things we planned two months ago are coming up soon.

At our meeting held in September, a small committee of organisers was elected to help with the work for the Young Swiss Club: S. Muller, Chairperson; R. Ammann, Secretary; M. Ammann, Treasurer; M. Meyer, Social Organiser; P. Luscher, Office Bearer; T. Mohn, Office Bearer.

Together we hope to spend more time on Young Swiss activities and see more of you at our functions.

In response to suggestions that we organise more outdoor activities, a Spit Roast/Barbeque was held on October 24, at Wonga Park, on the property of Mr. and Mrs E. Muller. The weather was fantastic and it appeared to be a tremendous success—judging by the number of people who decided to stay and make a weekend of it! The Young Swiss Club Committee wish to thank the following people for their generosity and help in making the day such a memorable one: Eddy and Faye Muller, Hans Meyer, Bruno Koller, Res Reinmann, Werner Huber, David Kubli, Tony Mohn, and our vocal Yodelers who always add their own special touch by creating such a happy and festive mood.

During November the Club has no functions planned, but we would like to encourage everyone to *think Swiss* and support your fellow countrymen at the Swiss Club Grumpelturnier on November 15, and also at the Myer Music Bowl, where the Matterhorn Yodelers are appearing on November 22.

Klausfest – Fancy Dress

Our next big event will be on December 5, when we get into the swing of the Christmas festive season with our Klaus-

fest, to be held at the Function Room at the Swiss Club of Victoria, 89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. The fun starts at 8.00 p.m., with music, dancing, a Big Surprise, and lots of fun for everyone – especially as this is a Fancy Dress Fest!

Admission: FREE! But Fancy Dress or Swiss Costume must be worn (donations required by those not contributing to the festive mood or mode – whichever the case).

Prerequisite: Znuniplattli (Supper plate) is required, but alcohol is available as the bar will be open upstairs.

RSVP: November 26, 1981

We hope you all will get in the mood and come up with a lot of creative ideas for fancy dress, and if you run out of time, try J.C. Williams for a costume! Prizes will be awarded.

New Year's Eve

We are organising a BEACH PARTY to be held down on the Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong, 1½ hours drive from Melbourne. This will be an opportunity to camp overnight, go fishing, swimming or walking. You will need to bring your own tent, bathers, food and drink. For all further details, please ring Rosemarie



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We will provide the location, barbecue area and music, and if there is enough response we may also be able to purchase a keg of beer. RSVP December 11, 1981.

That is all the major news for this month. We hope that we will be seeing you all soon at the Swiss Club or at Club events.

Regards,
Rosemarie and Suzi.

P.S. Rosemarie and I would like to wish all the best to all the Young Swiss who are doing Exams at the moment — and we hope you all come through with flying colours.

PERTH

SWISS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

P.O. Box 7154, Cloisters Square, Perth. 6001. Phone: 095 72 1498

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Sunday, December 6th Samichlaus - Celebration at Pelican Point: for children and parents 3 p.m.

There will be a handicraft and cake stall at this function.

Saturday, December 12th - Sing-Along: end of the year party for adults to be held at the home of Elsi & Ruedi Abplanalp at 29 Marie Way, Kalamunda, 7-11 p.m.

January 30th, 1982 - Swiss Club Barbecue, 6-11 p.m.: at 22 Marjorie Ave., Shelley.

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Wednesday, February 3rd: Get-together at Cafe Zurich shop 115/116 Trinity Arcade off St. George Terrace, Perth, 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, February 20th: Bowling at Cannington Lanes, Cannington, 6.45-9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3rd: Get-together at Cafe Malabar, 74-76 Anelgo St., Perth.

All details in the Swiss Club news. Support our Club and become a member. Application forms available from the secretary — 277 3761.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

David Zeller

SYDNEY

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Our very popular WALDFEST at BIELANY PARK, COLO RIVER will be held on the 27/28 February 1982. It provides much fun for everyone including the kids. The facilities had a facelift since our last WALDFEST and improved conditions will please all who come along to this beautiful spot in the bush. The Swiss Yodlers and Alphorngroup will entertain and there will be dancing and

plenty to eat and drink. For further information ring 44 3318 5 pm-8 pm. Watch for the yellow application forms and send it to Swiss Yodlers.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney, including the Alphorngroup are organising a Sing-and-Dance Night on the 24th of April 1982 at the *Willoughby Town Hall*, Chatswood. So please keep this date free! Particulars will be announced later. Swiss Yodlers of Sydney.

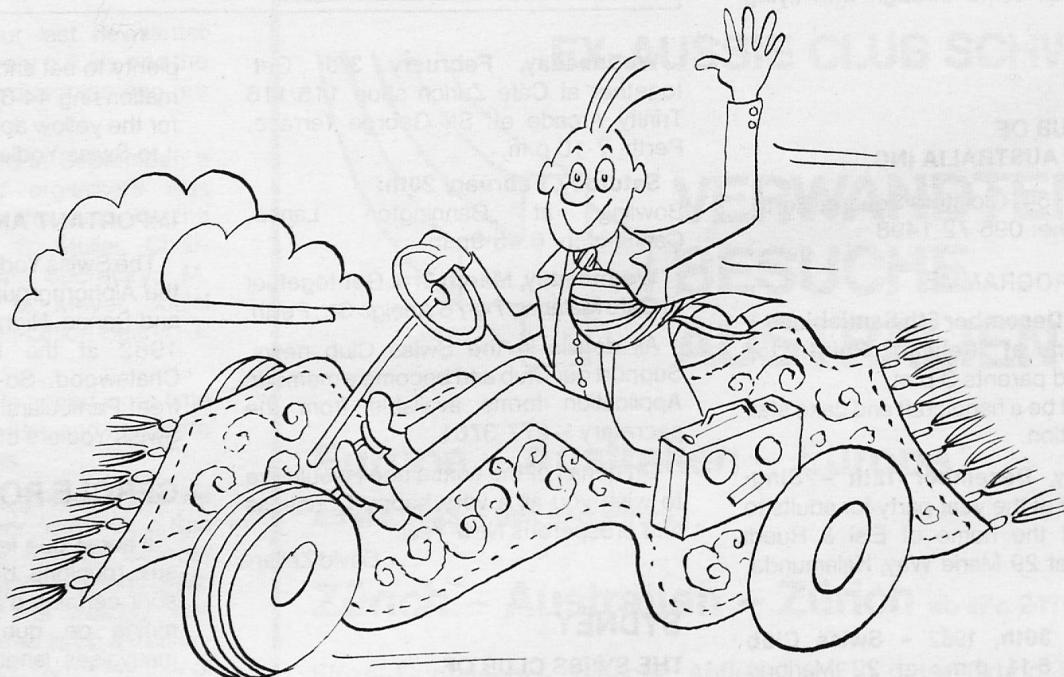
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